

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION**

ENGAGE AVIATION, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO. 8:17-cv-562-T-26TBM

CASE MANAGEMENT REPORT

1. Meeting of Parties: Pursuant to Local Rule 3.05(c)(2)(B) or (c)(3)(A), a meeting was held on November 20, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. by telephone and was attended by:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Counsel for (if applicable)</u>
G. Robert McLain Jr.	Counsel for Plaintiff
Amanda Ellen B. Clay	Counsel for Defendant
Marc B. Schlesinger	Of Counsel for Defendant

2. Initial Disclosures:

a. Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) as amended December 1, 2000 provides that “[e]xcept in categories of proceedings specified in Rule 26(a)(1)(E), or to the extent otherwise stipulated or directed by order, a party must, without awaiting a discovery request, provide to other parties: (A) the name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information that the disclosing party may use to support its claims or defenses, unless solely for impeachment, identifying the subjects of the information; (B) a copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents, data compilations, and tangible things that are in the possession, custody, or control of the party and that the disclosing party may use to support its claims or defenses, unless solely for impeachment; (C) a computation of any category of damages claimed by the disclosing party, making available for inspection and copying as under Rule 34 the documents or other evidentiary material, not privileged or protected from disclosure, on which such computation is based, including materials bearing on the nature and extent of injuries suffered; and (D) for inspection and copying as under Rule 34 any insurance agreement under which any person carrying on an insurance business may be

liable to satisfy part or all of a judgment which may be entered in the action or to indemnify or reimburse for payments made to satisfy the judgment.” Fed. R. Civ. P.26(a)(1).¹

The parties (check one)

X have exchanged information referenced by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A)-(D) or agree to exchange such information **within 14 days of the ruling on the Motion to Dismiss. (Please see #13 (other matters) below.)**²

_____ stipulate to not disclose information referenced by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A)-(D) for the specific reason(s) that: _____

_____ have been unable to reach agreement on whether to disclose information referenced by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A)-(D). (Identify party or parties) _____ objects to disclosure of such information for the specific reason(s) that: _____

3. Discovery Plan - Plaintiff: The parties jointly propose the following Plaintiff’s discovery plan:

a. Plaintiff’s Planned Discovery: A description of every discovery effort Plaintiff plans to pursue is described below. The description of each discovery effort will be listed under the appropriate heading below and will include the subject matter of the discovery and the time during which the discovery will be pursued:

(1) Requests for Admission:

Plaintiff intends to serve requests for admission in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 3.03.

¹ A party must make its initial disclosures based on the information then reasonably available to it and is not excused from making its disclosures because it has not fully completed its investigation of the case or because it challenges the sufficiency of another party’s disclosures or because another party has not made its disclosures. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1).

² Information referenced by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(A)-(D) must be made “at or within 14 days of the Rule 26(f) conference unless a different time is set by stipulation or court order, or unless a party objects during the conference that initial disclosures are not appropriate in the circumstances of the action and states the objection in the Rule 26(f) discovery plan.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1). Any party first served or otherwise joined after the Rule 26(f) conference must make these disclosures within 30 days after being served or joined unless a different time is set by stipulation or court order. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1).

Number of Requests for Admission: Parties may seek to limit the number of Plaintiff's requests for admission in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(2). Any such request must be made in paragraph 6 below and approved by the court.

(2) Written Interrogatories:

Plaintiff intends to serve written interrogatories in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 3.03.

Number of Interrogatories: Local Rule 3.03(a) provides "[u]nless otherwise permitted by the Court for cause shown, no party shall serve upon any other party, at one time or cumulatively, more than twenty-five (25) written interrogatories pursuant to Rule 33, Fed.R.Civ.P., including all parts and subparts." Any request by Plaintiff to exceed this limit must be made in paragraph 6 below and approved by the court.

(3) Requests for Production or Inspection:

Plaintiff intends to serve requests for production or inspection in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 3.03.

(4) Oral Depositions:

Plaintiff intends to conduct oral depositions in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rules 3.02, and 3.03.

Number of Depositions: Local Rule 3.02(b) provides, "[i]n accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A), no more than ten depositions per side may be taken in any case unless otherwise ordered by the Court." Any request by Plaintiff to exceed this limit must be made in paragraph 6 below and approved by the court.

Time Permitted for Each Deposition: Each deposition is limited to one day of seven hours in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(d)(2) unless extended by agreement of the parties or order of Court.

The parties stipulate/request a court order to extend the time to take the deposition of the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed length of Deposition</u>	<u>Grounds</u>
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b. Disclosure of Expert Testimony: Parties stipulate, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(C), that Plaintiff's Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) disclosure will be due as noted here:

The parties agree that experts will be disclosed sixty (60) days before the close of discovery, and rebuttal experts, if any, will be disclosed thirty (30) days before the close of discovery.

c. Supplementation of Disclosures and Responses: Parties agree that Plaintiff's supplementation under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e) will be provided at the following times:

The parties agree to supplement discovery and discovery responses in good faith, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(e). The parties agree that all required supplemental disclosures and responses will be made no later than 30 days before trial. In the event the need for supplementation arises or is discovered less than 30 days before trial, the supplementary disclosure or response will be made immediately.

d. Completion of Discovery: Plaintiff will commence all discovery in time for it to be completed on or before **February 14, 2019**.

4. Discovery Plan - Defendant: The parties jointly propose the following Defendant's discovery plan:

a. Defendant's Planned Discovery: A description of every discovery effort Defendant plans to pursue is described below. The description of each discovery effort will be listed under the appropriate heading below and will include the subject matter of the discovery and the time during which the discovery will be pursued:

(1) Requests for Admission:

Defendant intends to serve requests for admission in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 3.03.

Number of Requests for Admission: Parties may seek to limit the number of Defendant's requests for admission in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(2). Any such request must be made in paragraph 6 below and approved by the court.

(2) Written Interrogatories:

Defendant intends to serve written interrogatories in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 3.03.

Number of Interrogatories: Local Rule 3.03(a) provides "[u]nless otherwise permitted by the Court for cause shown, no party shall serve upon any other party, at one time or cumulatively, more than twenty-five (25) written interrogatories pursuant to Rule 33, Fed.R.Civ.P., including all parts and subparts." Any request

by Defendant to exceed this limit must be made in paragraph 6 below and approved by the court.

(3) Requests for Production or Inspection:

Defendant intends to serve requests for production or inspection in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rule 3.03.

(5) Oral Depositions:

Defendant intends to conduct oral depositions in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Rules 3.02, and 3.03.

Number of Depositions: Local Rule 3.02(b) provides, “[i]n accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(A) and 31(a)(2)(A), no more than ten depositions per side may be taken in any case unless otherwise ordered by the Court.” Any request by Defendant to exceed this limit must be made in paragraph 6 below and approved by the court.

Time Permitted for Each Deposition: Each deposition is limited to one day of seven hours in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(d)(2) unless extended by agreement of the parties or order of Court.

The parties stipulate/request a court order to extend the time to take the deposition of the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed length of Deposition</u>	<u>Grounds</u>
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b. Disclosure of Expert Testimony: Parties stipulate, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2)(C), that Defendant’s Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) disclosure will be due as noted here:

The parties agree that experts will be disclosed sixty (60) days before the close of discovery, and rebuttal experts, if any, will be disclosed thirty (30) days before the close of discovery.

c. Supplementation of Disclosures and Responses: Parties agree that Defendant’s supplementation under Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e) will be provided at the following times:

The parties agree to supplement discovery and discovery responses in good faith, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(e). The parties agree that all required supplemental disclosures and responses will be made no later than 30 days before trial. In the event the need for supplementation arises or is discovered less than 30 days before trial, the supplementary disclosure or response will be made immediately.

d. Completion of Discovery: Defendant will commence all discovery in time for it to be completed on or before **February 14, 2019**.

5. Joint Discovery Plan - Other Matters: Parties agree on the following other matters relating to discovery (*e.g.*, handling of confidential information, assertion of privileges, whether discovery should be conducted in phases or be limited to or focused upon particular issues):

The parties agree that they may present to the Court an agreed Confidentiality Order to govern the disclosure of confidential information.

The parties agree that for any assertions of privilege or confidentiality must be documented in a privilege log, served simultaneously with the corresponding discovery responses.

6. Disagreement or Unresolved Issues Concerning Discovery Matters: Any disagreement or unresolved issue will not excuse the establishment of discovery completion dates. The parties are unable to agree as to the following issues concerning discovery:

Not Applicable.

7. Third Party Claims, Joinder of Parties, Potentially Dispositive Motions: Parties agree that the final date for filing motions for leave to file third party claims, motions to join parties should be **6 months from the date of service of the moving defendant's answer to the complaint**, motions for summary judgment, and all other potentially dispositive motions should be **March 18, 2019**. (Note time limit in Local Rule 4.03.)

8. Settlement and Alternative Dispute Resolution: Pursuant to Local Rule 3.05(c)(2)(C)(v), the parties submit the following statement concerning their intent regarding Alternative Dispute Resolution:

Parties agree that settlement is
 X likely (check one)
 unlikely.

Parties agree to consent to binding arbitration pursuant to Local Rules 8.02(a)(3) and 8.05(b).
 yes **X** no likely to agree in future

If binding arbitration is not agreed to, the court may order non-binding arbitration pursuant to Chapter Eight of the Local Rules of the Middle District of Florida, mediation pursuant to Chapter Nine of the Local Rules of the Middle District of Florida, or both.

9. Consent to Magistrate Judge Jurisdiction: The parties agree to consent to the jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge for final disposition, including trial. See 28

U.S.C. § 636. Should parties agree to proceed before the Magistrate Judge the attached form must be completed and filed with the case management report.

_____yes **X**_____no _____likely to agree in future

10. Preliminary Pretrial Conference:

Track Three Cases: Local Rule 3.05(c)(3)(B) provides that preliminary pretrial conferences are mandatory in Track Three Cases.

Track Two Cases: Parties

___request (check one)

X do not request

a preliminary pretrial conference before entry of a Case Management and Scheduling Order in this Track Two case. Unresolved issues to be addressed at such a conference include:

11. Final Pretrial Conference and Trial: Parties agree that they will be ready for a final pretrial conference on or after **July 15, 2019** and for trial on or after **August 26, 2019**. This **Non-Jury** trial is expected to take approximately **3-4 days**.

12. Pretrial Disclosures and Final Pretrial Procedures: Parties acknowledge that they are aware of and will comply with pretrial disclosures requirements in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) and final pretrial procedures requirements in Local Rule 3.06.

Joint Pre-trial meeting of counsel: Not later than July 1, 2019

Joint Pre-trial statement: July 8, 2019

13. Other Matters: **The parties recognize that they have requested a longer time period for discovery than is customary in Track 2 cases in this District. This request is made in good faith and not for the purposes of delay. A substantial portion of the evidence and witnesses involved in this matter is located in Argentina, and some of the potential witnesses include Argentine government officials. The scheduling and taking of depositions in Argentina, which will require coordination with government entities, and the gathering and translation of documents from Argentina will all require additional time. The parties recognize the Court's disfavor of motions to extend time for discovery or trial-related deadlines. Thus, the schedule proposed herein is meant to allow sufficient time for the parties to conduct discovery and**

minimize motion practice. The parties have also agreed, if the Court adopts the proposed schedule, to minimize expenses by refraining from discovery until the Court rules on the Motion to Dismiss, given that there are jurisdictional issues here. For the same reason, the parties also agree and respectfully request to refrain from making FRCP 26(a)(1)(A)-(D) disclosures until after the Court rules on the Motion to Dismiss. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that this Court adopt the schedule proposed herein.

DATE: November 21, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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